TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 982 - SB 857

February 20, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits pre-trial release on recognizance or unsecured bond of a defendant who has been convicted of a felony and has escaped confinement or violated probation, the terms of bail, or a community-based alternative sentence. Requires substantial bail for these defendants.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Courts currently follow the criteria of the bill in most cases. No significant reduction in the number of defendants released on bail and no significant increase in the number of defendants housed in local jails pending trial.
- No significant impact on the case loads of trial courts.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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